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The Year of 1996/7 At AGS

An historic year ! Many changes have taken place, or are about to do so. This has been the last one in which only sixty pupils joined AGS at age 11. In September 1997, ninety will join the school in Year 7. Sixty selected students have been entering the Grammar School since the 1940s; a fifty per cent increase is a major change to think about! At the same time the numbers in Years 12 and 13 (the sixth form to our older readers) continue to edge upwards and seem to be getting close to 300. When I joined the school as Deputy Head in charge of the Sixth Form in 1983, there were about 150 in the Sixth. It seemed possible that we might reach 200. Now nearly fifty per cent of the school, the Sixth Form is in danger of taking over! Three form entry in Year 7 will gradually redress the balance, until, in five years' time, there should be 450 in the first five years alongside Years 12 and 13.....but who knows how big the Sixth Form will be then?

Our buildings continue to grow. The completion of the new block happened in the Autumn, so that it now holds Art, Design Technology, IT/Electronics and Business Studies/Economics and some new toilets. The size of the rooms is gigantic compared to the cramped space in which we previously taught and learned. Home Economics/Food Technology has settled into its re-furnished space in the old DT area and Theatre Studies is now at home in the old HEFT space. These changes are now accepted as if they were always there, as is the Geography Department's siting on the top floor of the three-storey block.

We have been shaken and pounded to distraction in the early part of the year, by the pile-driving which prefaced the building of an extension to the three-storey block. Staff and students have been remarkably tolerant of the noise, dust and rhythmic thudding accompanying their work. In the next edition of *The Record*, I hope to relate to readers the occupation of the extension (by Maths and Modern Languages) and of some exciting new developments in our Sixth Form building provision. Here also for posterity, I record the pious hope that one day we might have a new Sports Hall, but that seems far away at the moment.

Elsewhere you will read of the more important aspects of school life. After all, the life of the school is found in the day-by-day learning and day-by-day relationships which develop in and out of the classroom. There is not much doubt

that AGS goes on offering a marvellous range of opportunities for young people to grow. I think that we all hope that the changes which occur in numbers and buildings will do nothing to alter all of those things which make this school such a happy and secure, yet challenging place for its staff and students.

As I write, there are political rumblings which could affect the nature and status of the school. Next year's *Record* will provide some of the answers to the questions which we are all asking.

A. W. Shearn

School Register 1996-97

Welcome, September 1996

Year 7 : 7m

Joseph Alexander, Clare Andrews, Benedick Beeson, Christopher Billinge, Samuel Blundell, Sarah Calvert, Sarah Clarke, Rachel Davis, Rebecca Elliott, Peter Felton, David Gull, Anneka Heath, Hannah Macdonald, Michael Martin, Trudi Molloy, David Patey, Rebecca Moorhouse, Iain Preston, Edward Prior, Matthew Remes, Amy Robbins, Paul Roberts, Kathryn Smith, Thomas Snowdon, Maria Sykes, Rachel Taylor, Jennifer Tugman, Edward Tugwell, Annika Vater, David Veitch, Holly Wilkinson

Year 7 : 7s

Simon Berry, Sophie Bladon, Samuel Brisley, Phillip Carrivick, Mohaeed Chaudhry, Gary Courtman, Kate Crilly, Myles de Bastion, Katie Dearnley, Elizabeth Dimmock, Katherine French, Sarah Green, Glenn Harris, Thomas Hartley, David Hawkins, Christopher Hay, Robert Hewitt, Lucinda Holbrook, Alison Hunt, Daniel Ireland, Shwetha Nathan, Katrina Parfrey, Conor Quinn, Marianne Richards, Jennifer Rolfe, Paul Tansey, Anna Tash, Sarrah Turay, Natalie White, Samuel Whitfield

Year 12 :

From **Alcester High School** - Lucinda Bayman, Jane Bennett, Matthew Blades, Ian Chisholm, Susan Coll, Stephanie Crewe, Richard Dean, Dirk Demuth, Adam Devey, Benjamin Dicken, Victoria Egan, Edward Hall, Simon Harrison, James Knott, Laura Martin, Paul Meredith, Anna Peacock, Anna Spanswick, Eve Thould, Andrew Wasley; From **Bowbrook School** - Jeremy Whall; From **Bridley Moor High School** - Laura Fenton, Samantha Harvey, Julie Hawkes, Sarah Hawthorne, Claire Newton, Hannah Rowe, Phillippa Saint, Kirsty Stafford, Natalie Strong, Luke Tarling, Tracey Weaving; From **Bromsgrove School** - Avanthi Ananthram; From **Henley High School** - James Bleakman, Sarah Blinkhorne, Victoria Hadley, Daniel Meredith, Sam Richards, Anton Thomas, Oliver Tupman, Judith Archer; From **The Holy Child School** - Sukie Brown; From **KES**,

Camphill - Sadie Brown; From **Kineton High School** - Alana Collis; From **KES, Stratford on Avon** - James McArthur; From **King's High School, Warwick** - Victoria Dance; From **Kingsley School, Warwick** - Sarah Fitzsimmons, Annabelle Clarke, Amelia Waldron; From **North Bromsgrove High School** - Helen Hewitt; From **Old Swinford Hospital School** - James Burroughes; From **St Augustine's High School** - Marie Cross, Elizabeth Faulkner; From **St Benedict's High School** - Elizabeth Benstead, Jack Boulton, Alastair Clarke, James Freeman, Stuart Hathaway, Corrina Howe, Tracey Jankus, Maryann Jardine, Anthony Jinks, Anna Jones, David Lamb, Thomas Moulson, Claire Parr, Rosalind Peters, Kathryn Pozzi, Charlotte Saunders, Rebecca Todd, Catherine Walton, Samuel Wilks, Daniel Barlow, James Barnett, Mark Capron, Marc James; From **St Joseph's School** - Lucy Davies; From **Stratford on Avon High School** - Rachel Collins, Adam Juckes, Katherine Tanner; From **Studley High School** - Corinne Averiss, Mary Beech, David Crofts, Rhiannan Griffith, Jodie Kettleborough, Katy Lloyd, Nishpal Randhawa, Iain Slade, Annabel Stott.

Farewell July 1997

13AC :

Richard Bentley, William Bright, Adam Crossley, Katie Guest, Rachael Jones, David Last, Rachel Mattimoe, Rebecca Mooney, John Percival, Alison Snoswell.

13CPK :

Jamie Forrest, Thomas Hill, Thomas Johnson, Lucy Jones, Josephine Leather, Amanda Ritchie, Mark Smith, Jessica Startin, Nina Wilkins, Emma Williams

13CRS :

Gregory Dodd, Jemma Rutter, James Taylor, Anna Whitehead, Philip Witcherley, John Woodman

13DCB :

Catherine Allen, Rachel Burgess, Louise Carr, Laura Collett, Holly Dagger, Daniela Evans, Daniel Fogarty, Matthew Frost, Stephen Gillett, Wesley Jones, Caroline Mansfield, Erica Rowlett

13DS :

Aaron Bailey, Laura Ball, Rachael Bratton, Elspeth Dawes, Oliver Hyatt, Ross Mitchell, Ruth Reid, Christopher Richards, Jessica Smith, Caroline Wildin, Judith Wood, Nadia Wyspianska

13GRW :

Felicity Burgess, Tim Clarke, Timothy Davey, Christopher Davies, Jemma Houghton, Christopher Keen, Craig Nicol, Laura-Marie Peacock, Caroline Skinner

13JMW :

Ruth Chan, Anthony Collett, Charlotte Harper, Daniel Hewitt, Louise MacDonald, Danielle Mellings, Michael Moorhouse, Ashley Smith, Robin Wells

13KAJ :

Jonathan Carrivick, Louise Hart, Daniel Hartwell, Christopher Hill, Charlotte Ironmonger,

Victoria Norton, Kerry Perks, Polly Robbins, Peter Sturdey, Carol Walford,
Gemma Woodward

13MAC :

Victoria Ball, Katherine Cook, Alessandro D'Elia, Charlotte Hale, Alison Harris,
Christian Henderson, James Li, Andrew McArthur, Suzy Messent, Ginika O'Korafor,
Hannah Saunders, Richard Smith, Caroline Wakeling

13PAD :

Annabel Allen, Laura Bashford, Matthew Carter, Benjamin Ewins, Mary Harries, Sarah Jones,
Stephanie Littler, Guy Lock, Alistair McKinnon, Abigail Wilson

13PDB :

Richard Applin, Christopher Beckley, Oliver Blakeman, Sarah Cole, Matthew Hickman,
Christopher Rawlings, Carmen Whale, Rachel White

13PHW :

Victoria Benskin, Lucy Emmerson, Susie Hales, Samantha Jones, Claire Kershaw,
Christopher Lewis, Andrew Mullins, Ella Poulter, Paul Powell, Ian Stevens

13PJO :

Richard Anthony, Katy Bradfield, Rachel Bradley, Robert Carrington, Daniel Crilly,
Timothy Deeks, Samuel Freeman, James Havard, Damien Kerr, Sebastian Norris,
Lucy Richmond, Elizabeth White

13RFD :

Soraya Araman, Belinda Bowring, Philip Bridge, Christopher Kerr, Tammy Knight,
Claire Parkinson, Nicholas Waters

13SRH :

Angel Aburto, Alistair Bagshaw, Joseph Jardine, Eleanor Remes, Alexander Vacalopoulos

Staff News

At the beginning of the year we welcomed a number of new members of staff. Mr Jeremy Slater arrived from Colyton Grammar in Devon to be Head of Chemistry and Science Co-ordinator. Dr Sandra Higgett came to be Head of Geography from King Edward School for Boys in Edgbaston. The following part time staff also joined AGS : Dawn Collis from New College, Swindon (Psychology); Julia Ford from Stratford College (Business Studies); Caroline Webb from Coventry Technical College (Design Technology) and Grahame Percival from Myton School (French and German).

Early in the Autumn term we were pleased to hear of the birth of a son, Julien, to Mrs Redfern and her husband. We also welcomed our foreign language assistant Peggy Porchaux from Poitiers.

On the sporting front, Mr Bonney became a professional Rugby player with Moseley, and Mr Bodell, an ex-professional player, began some coaching with the sixth form on Wednesday afternoons, and with younger pupils at other times. He has worked with the FA Schools of Excellence and both Birmingham City and West Bromwich Albion.

Mr Dobell started part-time study at Queens College, Birmingham with a view to non-stipendary ministry in the Anglican Church. He has kept us up to date with his progress in a series of entertaining assemblies as only Mr Dobell can!

Events and Happenings, 1996-97

Autumn Term 1996

The latest phase of building development was taken over, providing a new IT/Electronics Room, a second Business Studies/Economics Room and additional office and toilet space. The fund for the Language College Project reached £30,000, moving gradually towards the £100,000 target.

David Hawkes and **Colin Robertson** (Y10) attended the county soccer trials during the summer. **Gemma Collins** (also Y10) represented Worcestershire in an inter-county club meeting and won the U15 girls high jump, while **Alexis Carter** (Y10 again!) represented Warwickshire in the National Schools Athletics Competition and was also selected for the Warwickshire Indoor Athletics Meeting at the National Indoor Arena to compete in the long jump and relay. **Liz Wakeling**, **Ian Hickman** and **Matt Frost** (all Y11) were selected for the Warwickshire Inter County Cross Country Meeting. Later in the term, the following pupils were selected for final trials for the Warwickshire U14 hockey squad : **Katie Mileto**, **Becky Edwards**, **Jenny Gilbert**, **Gina Brueton**, **Melissa Pick** and **Beverley Fleming**. **Lynsey McFarlane** (Y11) competed in the restricted county badminton tournament, coming second and being only two points away from winning. **Rachel Collins** (Y12) was selected for the county netball team. **Eve-Marie Knox** (Y10) took part in the Midland Schools trampoline competition; she came 12th out of 63 competitors in her section. In swimming, **Alana Collis** was selected captain of the Avon Neptunes and achieved qualifying times for the Scottish Nationals.

Congratulations were also due to **Chris Richards**, who appeared on television with the National Youth Orchestra, and was made its principal clarinettist, **Adam Jukes** who played trumpet for the National Youth Theatre project at the Edinburgh Festival, and **Ruth Chan**, who was warmly praised for her recital at Warwick Arts centre. **Mr Slater** started a jazz band.

The school opened up an internet site containing a variety of information, The site can be viewed at <http://dspace.dial.pipex.com/town/square/fk26>.

Rachel Burgess and **Tom Johnson** were sponsored by the Institute of Physics to attend the British Association Annual Festival of Science at Birmingham University. Lectures included "Bubbles, Boomerangs and Beer" and there was a debate about how science and technology should be developed in the next twenty years to produce the optimum society. Rachel was interviewed by Radio 5 Live and her comments were broadcast a few days later.

Stratford District Council provided us with a paper recycling bin, and Warwickshire Wildlife Trust are to manage the River Arrow Nature reserve, next to the top playing field, with some assistance from the school. In October, some students took part in the WWF annual walk for nature. **Kathryn Pozzi** spoke at the launch of Local Agenda 21 at the Swan Theatre about environmental issues. A group of sixth formers began working out ways in which the local community can meet some of the agreements made at the summit.

A History Club was established, attracting students from all year groups, and Y12 'A' Level history students spent a morning at Coughton Court to research into the period of the Tudors and Stuarts.

A new security system was installed to prevent losses of books from the Learning Resources Centre. Theatre trips included *Much Ado About Nothing*, *Hamlet*, *The Crucible*, and *Our Country's Good*. Year 10 (about half of them !) took a pantomime called *Sleeping Jack Whittington and the Three Bears* to a number of junior schools at the end of term. More details are included elsewhere in *The Record*.

Home Economics students enjoyed visits to the Good Food Show at the NEC (with free food samples!), lectures at Birmingham University, and Warwickshire Trading Standards Department.

Spring Term 1997

Theatre visits this term included *Educating Rita*, *Hamlet*, and *A Winter's Tale*. Year 13 A level students performed their exam pieces for an audience of friends and relatives, and impressed everyone by their skill and professionalism. Some students battled their way through Gold Cup traffic to attend theatre workshops at the Everyman Theatre in Cheltenham.

As usual there was a high level of participation in sporting activities, with a total of ninety-five pupils representing the school on one particular Saturday morning. The Intermediate Girls team of **Gemma Collins** (Y10), **Hana Marshall** and **Liz Wakeling** (Y11) came third in the County Cross Country Championships. **Dan Carrivick**, **James Bowler** and **Ian Hickman** (Y12) were all selected to run for Warwickshire in the National Cross Country Championships. In the Inter House Cross Country races, the sections were won by **Tom Coates** (Y9), **James Bowler** (Y12), **Annie Vater** (Y7) and **Hana Marshall** (Y11). **James Wraight** (sustitute), **Tom Coates**, **Leon Lewis** (all Y9) and **James Richardson** (Y8), played in a winning South Warwickshire rugby team. Mr Bonney played for English Universities against Welsh Universities (*Mr Thatcher assures me there are some ! - Ed.*)

Four Year 12 students (**Daniel Carrivick**, **Vicki Egan**, **Jenny Gladstone** and **Simon Green**) prepared to take part in the Young Consumers of the Year Competition, competing against other schools in a six round quiz and practical activities. They won their first round and went forward to the Warwickshire final, to be broadcast on Coventry Radio over the Easter holidays.

Year 13 A level History students enjoyed a performance of *Henry VIII* at the Swan Theatre as part of their study of that monarch.

Ruth Chan (Y13) won the Alcester Singers Young Musician of the Year Competition. **Chris Richards** accepted a scholarship from the Guildhall School of Music.

Claire Thomas (Y12) was one of only eight UK students selected for voluntary work abroad. She will probably work with the homeless in Bangkok and then travel inland to live with a hill tribe for a week on the Cambodian border. She needed to raise £1,300 and began by organising a Junior School disco.

Thanks largely to the Parents' Association, the school took delivery of a minibus

this term; it was only one year old, and had forward facing seats, all with seat belts.

All Year 11 students attended the annual Faraday Lecture at the ICC.

The Year 13 GNVQ Business Studies students stayed in Brussels as guests of the Euro MP John Corrie. They visited the European Parliament and ICI's European HQ. Pupils were able to discuss membership of the EU, the single currency and the social chapter with politicians, the business community and the Foreign Office.

The LRC held a science fiction week, including access to the internet. Many pupils were attracted to use the Centre's facilities.

Forty-five French pupils spent ten days in Alcester as half of the annual French exchange. Four Year 12 students went on a week's work experience in Saumur, organised by the Warwickshire Education Business Partnership.

Lindsay Smith (Y9) won a prize in the Stratford on Avon poetry writing competition with a poem entitled "The Darker Love".

Kirsten Harris (Y11), **Holli Moulson** and **Tom Billyard** (Y10) did very well in the Alcester Rotary Club Public Speaking Competition. They were coached by a group of sixth formers.

Summer Term 1997

Forty-four pupils from Years 8,9 and 10 visited their partners in Wuppertal, accompanied by **Mr Kopp**, **Mrs Bradley** and **Mr Percival**. Hospitality was enjoyed, and returned when the return visit took place later in the term. Between the two visits, forty-three pupils took part in the French exchange at Le Loroux-Bottereau.

Four Year 11 students, **Caroline Rolfe**, **Tia Wightman**, **Jo Bennett** and **Katie Popplewell** produced a video called "Don The Swan", a light-hearted introduction to Stratford-upon-Avon. This was the result of winning a script-writing competition and the girls had professional help in producing the video. Other pupils in the news included **Anne Kerr**, who announced that she would be travelling to Brazil over the summer to work with street children, and **Claire Parkinson**, who was to spend a year out with a family in Malaysia as part of an intellectual exchange programme funded by a Cadbury-Schweppes

scholarship. **Holli Moulson** (Y10) won a prize in a Radio Times poetry competition. **Simon Green** was one of only eight students to be selected to take part in a Food Technology course at Manchester Metropolitan University, spending a week there in June.

Summer Term trips included Year Ten to Cadbury's World, and to Gloucester Docks, and Year Twelve to Bangor for a Biology field course. A small group of Year 11 and 12 students went to Wimbledon for a day.

The Learning Resource Centre purchased three new CD Rom disks, two providing newspaper article resources, and the other covering genetics.

The Junior Production was *Bugsy Malone*. The School Hall was set out like a Speakeasy, with jugs of (non-alcoholic) punch and attractively decorated tables filling the room. For the first time, a Saturday matinee was included for this family show. A good time was had by all in what proved to be one of the most successful Junior Productions to date. Almost 100 pupils were involved in some way. Absolute Beginners held their Summer Soiree at the end of term; "a refined and gracious occasion with musical and dramatic pieces" they said!

In sport, **David Lamb** (Y12) was selected for the Warwickshire Under 17 cricket team, **Shelley Nicholls** (Y11) attended the Warwickshire Under 16 netball trials, and **Lynsey Macfarlane** (Y11) attended the County Under 18 hockey trials. The Year 11 five-a-side soccer team won the Alcester and Studley Police Tournament. The team was : **Sean Tilley** (captain), **Jason O'Korafor**, **Alan Powell**, **Colin Buckle**, **Stephen McLaren** and **Sam Grinsted**. The PE Department hosted the South Warwickshire athletics trials in May. **Catherine Neville**, **Louisa Smith**, **Emma Mason**, and **Ian Slade** represented England in the European Skipping Championships. They have been involved in displays and workshops in Britain and Europe. **Alana Collis** (Y12) attended the National Age Group Swimming Championships in Edinburgh, achieving personal bests in all events.

Activity in the Science Department included participation in the Physics Olympiad 1997. 743 candidates took part from 202 schools; only the top fifty achieved Gold, and only 12% of the entries were girls. **Rachel Burgess** and **Craig Nichol** achieved Silver, **Mark Smith** Bronze, and **Tom Johnson** a Commendation. Also, **Emma Blackman** (Y12) was selected to participate in an

all expenses paid Insight course in Helsinki - one of only 20 students from the UK selected for this engineering opportunity.

Just before the General Election, AGS held their own mock election. A close and well-fought campaign resulted in the following votes : **Steven Barratt** (Conservative) 87; **Mark Butcher** (Loony Party) 46; **Emma Cooley** (Liberal Democrat) 101; **Catherine Foster** (Good People Rule Politics) 11; **William Johnson** (True Communist) 9; **Alan Law** (Referendum Party) 40; **Stephen Mutton** (Labour) 94.

Mr and Mrs Cowell, Mr Micklethwaite and Mr Wightman took four groups of students to North Wales on practice Duke of Edinburgh expeditions. The first two days were hot and dry and on the afternoon of the second day **Mr Cowell** was pointing out a rescue helicopter "having a practice", little knowing that two of our students were being airlifted to hospital suffering from heat and exhaustion! They were back in action the next day. **Mary Beech** will long be remembered for being lured into a bog by another group, and sinking to her thighs. Another group completed an expedition to Malvern in very different conditions - torrential rain! Towards the end of term the Gold group and a Silver group completed expeditions in Cumbria under difficult conditions. The Gold group comprised **Jon Carrivick, Lucy Emmerson, Mary Harries, Dan Hartwell and Ella Poulter**; the Silver group was **Mark Capron, Dan Carrivick, Ed Hall and Nicky Stubbs**. It was announced that **Mr Bruce** would take over the running of the scheme from September.

"Persuasion" won through to take part in a Young Enterprise area presentation at Bromsgrove Town Hall. They were one of four schools which had been shortlisted out of the original nine, and actually came second on the night, winning £75.

Sam Shearn achieved grade eight trumpet, and **Ruth Chan** passed her grade eight violin.

A total of forty-five pupils from Years 7 and 8 took part in the Maths Challenge. Five Gold Certificates were won, together with eleven Silver and ten Bronze. **Tom Harris** and **Nicky Martin** did well enough to take part in the Junior Mathematical Olympiad, a two hour paper of more challenging problems.

A Christmas Pantomime

At Christmas time the Y10 students joined together to bring a Christmas treat to local school children. We all worked very hard and the finished result, a pantomime called *Sleeping Jack Whittington and the Seven Bears*, was a great success. We travelled to three junior and infant schools in the area (Snitterfield, Welford and Bidford) and we also held an evening performance to raise funds for the project. We all enjoyed the experience and found it very rewarding.

Holli Moulson, 10p

Lucy Leads The Way

Review : *The Sound of Music* by Alcester Grammar School's *Absolute Beginners* Alcester Grammar School's senior drama group *Absolute Beginners* put on another excellent show which played to packed houses. Duncan Thomas excelled as lovable entrepreneur Max Detweiler, playing him at exactly the right level; vivid characterisation while resisting the drop into caricature.

Guy Lock was an excellent Captain Von Trapp, reducing many of the audience to tears during Edelweiss. Kathryn Pozzi as Baroness Schraeder and Corinne Averiss as Frau Schmidt, both newcomers to the group, proved themselves very able actresses as their characters offered contrasting reactions to the Nazi invasion of Austria.

The performance's success was in no small measure due to the 16 piece orchestra that accompanied, comprised entirely of students under the musical direction of David Last. They enhanced Rodgers and Hammerstein's music greatly.

However the undisputed star of the show was Lucy Jones as Maria, displaying all the qualities of Julie Andrews and more besides. Her boundless enthusiasm and strong singing voice added the final sparkle to a memorable show.

All in all it was an excellent evening's entertainment, and I eagerly await the group's next production, *A Night to Remember* on February 14th.

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The Learning Resource Centre

The Library at Alcester Grammar School was renamed the Learning Resource Centre four years ago when Mrs Bennington (Librarian) and Mrs Bratt (Library Assistant) were appointed to reorganise and modernise it. The computer for the new catalogue had already arrived and the first priority was to weed out unwanted stock, and catalogue the remainder. The weeding out was done with the assistance of heads of department and was rapidly completed. All the books were then individually catalogued and the search facility was soon available for pupils. They were then able to search stock by author, title or subject. A Library Policy was then drawn up by a working party of staff plus the Librarian, and incorporated in the School Policy.

The next stage of re-development was to improve the stock, so with the aid of (long) selection lists from staff and a face-lift for the contents of the fiction section, undertaken over a period of years, the LRC was better equipped to serve the needs of the whole school including the growing sixth form. The journal holdings were increased (there are now over fifty subscriptions or donations) and a daily newspaper taken, and a collection of non-fiction videos and CD ROMS (over eighty in stock at the time of writing) formed. We now have a book and video stock of 10,600 - all of which are recorded on computer.

The borrower records were put on computer in 1994 and the pupils and staff were all given barcoded borrower tickets by autumn half-term, which made stock control much easier.

The incoming Year 7 groups all have learning skills classes in the LRC so that they learn to find and use relevant information efficiently, and the Year 12 groups have an introduction to the LRC when they arrive at the school in September. We are able to keep track of the number of books borrowed by each class over any period, and can even follow the reading habits of any pupil during their school career.

The appearance of the LRC has also changed over the last few years, for example when we were able to have new individual study booths made for the lower part of the room, and spent the summer of 1995 taking the entire stock off the old wooden shelves and replacing it on white metal adjustable shelves which make browsing and filing easier. The new issue desk acquired in 1993 gives a central

focus to the room, and this year we have just purchased tables for the computers which are wide enough to house the keyboard in front of each computer. The bag racks were made from the old shelving, and next to them are the 'Checkpoint' security gates which were installed in September 1996. The stock was made 'live' in the summer of 1996, and the system has been very successful in discouraging the unauthorised 'borrowing' of much newly acquired stock, which had been happening. The photocopier has been popular from the time it was installed in 1993.

There is a lot of involvement from pupils, with the appointment annually of student librarians, and staff who produce lists of subjects they teach, so displays co-incide with these with these subjects. Staff also still produce resource request lists for the LRC so that the relevance of stock can be maintained. Bi-monthly accessions lists keep staff informed of new stock.

The issue statistics still show a healthy increase in borrowing, and the LRC is always a busy place.

1997 Wimbledon Article

On walking into Wimbledon we were immediately made aware of the excellent atmosphere, and so decided to look at the order of play to see who we would be watching on court number one. The atmosphere was very relaxed and it seemed normal to see Jeremy Bates walk past !

The first match we saw was the boys' doubles between the number one seed Elsner and the underdog Rochus. Elsner won the first set easily taking it 6-2. In the second set Rochus seemed to have a sudden lift, managing to take the set to a tie break, and, with the crowd's encouragement, won. In the third set Elsner showed his experience and ability winning the match 6-2, 6-7, 6-4.

We then saw the two ladies' doubles matches, both of them being of a very high standard.

A small group of people went to court no. 2 and saw the mixed doubles match including M. Hingis and De Rosier with the highlight of the match being seeing Martina Hingis just after she had won the Ladies Singles final. Her euphoria was so apparent, as she appeared to be playing for enjoyment. This was obvious as

her smile showed that she was still on a high from winning the finals. They then went on to win in straight sets.

After watching another mixed doubles match it was nearly 7.30 pm. We were all quite tired after watching so many matches, but had enjoyed a very entertaining day, and were ready to go home !

Annabel Stott, Y12

Caliche

In Block Week, year 7 watched the Caliche group from South America. Caliche is a group of tribal men who play a range of different drums, pipes and other percussion instruments. They demonstrated several compositions and played a tape of a rainforest. We had a go at creating our own rainforest effect. We used the stem of a cactus plant, with the needles inside, to make a raining sound, scrapers to imitate the male and female frogs and several other drum beats and tambourines to represent other animals and trees swaying in the forest. Everybody took part and it was great fun. We tried to play several instruments including the pan pipes. They were very hard to play and took a lot of puff ! We all got quite dizzy and decided to play the wooden recorders instead. After we'd all tried (and failed) a Caliche man showed us how it was done and he played it really beautifully.

Caliche tour Britain and it is really good to see them perform and experience different cultures of music.

Anna Tash, Shwetha Nathan and Lucy Holbrook (all 7s)

The Jodrell Bank Block Week Visit

On Wednesday 13th November all of Year 8 went to Jodrell Bank Science Centre and Planetarium. We had to be at school by 7.50 am to leave at 8.00 am. We went on a Dudley's coach and the journey took about three hours along the motorway and little country lanes.

We arrived at the Centre and we were arranged in groups of about eight with an adult per group. We were issued with worksheets and a clipboard if we didn't have one ourselves. Every group started at a different exhibition and then went round in the correct order to answer the questions on the worksheets. After that

we went into the planetarium which was excellent because you press a different button on the seat in front of you to choose what you wanted to see next.

At 1.00 pm we went to the canteen to eat our packed lunch until 1.30, then we went back to the Planetarium for an exhibition on Sir Isaac Newton. We then went to the shop to buy some souvenirs. After that we had a bit longer to finish off any questions we hadn't done and have a go at some puzzles and games to explain practically some rules of science

We boarded the coach for a three hour journey home to arrive back at 5.10 pm and be collected by our parents. It was an enjoyable, exciting and educational day !

Amy Collins, 8m

Barcelona Trip Oct '96

If you like twelve hour coach journeys this trip would have been for you. It still could have been for you if you could forget the journey, and, trust me, after two glasses of Sangria it was easy to forget.

Of course the transport arrangements became irrelevant when faced with Antoni Gaudí's Barcelona. The gothic architecture of the old quarter was complemented by the unfinished cathedral, the Sagrada Família. Gaudí was commissioned to design the cathedral in 1888. It was started with very little planning, making up details while under construction. The photographic realism of the sculpture is contrasted by the imaginative quality of other Gaudí buildings scattered throughout the town.

Architecture was not the only attraction of an international city. The Miro Foundation contains not only the work of Joan Miro, but a variety of Modern Artists and temporary exhibitions. We saw the work of Andy Warhol. The Picasso Museum demonstrated the development of Picasso's work from a young boy and we travelled up to the French border to the Dalí Museum.

The culture we absorbed was not solely of the artistic type. From the café culture to Barcelona FC the diverse influences of the city had a profound effect on everyone. Everyone had a highly educational and enjoyable experience.

Belinda Bowring, Y13

Geography In Block Week

This year during Block Week for Geography, Year 8 travelled to Evesham where we carried out surveys. The aim of these surveys was to find a suitable site for a shop of our choice. After this we visited the nearby village of Broadway to study how it had been affected by tourism. The day was concluded with a visit to Fish Hill to overlook the surrounding landscape.

James Bacon, 8s

Persuasion

The year for me started with my election as the Managing Director of the company, a role which I held until the end of the year. I found out during the course of the year that there were many areas to running a business that I had never even contemplated before.

At the start of the year we had a very large attendance (well over forty people) and I felt slightly apprehensive that I wouldn't be able to keep control of everyone. The teams were set up with the appropriate people nominated as the directors and we finally got under way.

For about the first month nothing seemed to happen and I, along with a few other trusted directors, became increasingly anxious that the year would be a waste of time. We seemed unable to come to any final decisions without somebody wanting to change some aspect. After long talks with both the advisors and the company, we set up a system where issues were to be decided upon once and for all. This seemed to start a chain reaction of resignations of those who weren't entirely dedicated to the way that I felt the company should be run. As these people resigned I certainly felt that we were losing 'dead-weight' and from thereon the company started to pick-up.

The decision was taken to use mugs as our principal product and after many weeks of pushing the designs were finally sent off. It was at this time that the major problem of the year occurred. One member of the company started exerting authority that was not entirely theirs. The situation unfortunately developed into a rather heated situation and the person in question was summoned to a meeting in order to outline the company policies. Thankfully, some careful preparation before the meeting resulted in an amicable resignation

by the said party.

It seemed that mugs were becoming ever more popular and we took the decision to order a second hundred in order that we could keep taking orders. This turned out to be a very wise decision because it enabled us to make even more money to cover our losses due to the failure of a second product.

We made the choice to diversify our production into the area of clothing. We did some market research with the school to see if they would let our design become part of the official school uniform. Unfortunately this did not happen but we decided that we may be able to sell a few T-shirts at the approaching trade fairs. Being cautious, we put in an order for just thirty and when they came through, (they arrived five days late so forcing us to have to rush their production) we started on their printing. Whilst in this stage of the process we discovered just how difficult screen printing could be. We made a mess of six T-shirts simply because the paint smudged. This of course made them of unmerchandise quality. These six mistakes basically cost us any of the profits that we might possibly have made if we had managed to sell the rest. As it happened, we only managed to sell two more so leaving us with dead stock with a relatively large amount of money tied up in them.

The final task for the company to take part in was the two trade fairs - one in Stratford and one in Redditch. Unfortunately we didn't do very well in these due to our product not really being marketable outside of the school clientele. However the judges seemed very impressed by the original idea that we had with the school mugs.

I learnt a lot this year as a result of being in the business. A major factor which I felt was the most important lesson for me was people management. I had to try and convince people to do something that they perhaps weren't willing to do, and sometimes this proved to be no mean feat. I also learned a lot about delegation - when to and when it is sometimes better to do something yourself. However I found I was doing too much and needed to delegate more. I also learnt a lot about dealing with outside companies in business. This was harder than it may sound because I sometimes felt that they were treating us more like students rather than another business with money to spend.

To sum up the year for me, I would class it as a moderate success with a few

hiccups along the way. I think that like any inexperienced group of people, at times it was like the blind leading the blind and if I made a wrong decision, nobody would be there with enough experience to question that decision. I also had to come to terms with the fact that to be a successful Managing Director, some of my friendships with others in the company would have to suffer - and they did !

I think that we all learnt a lot and wish luck to next year's company. I would personally like to thank our advisors, without whose advice I would have probably made some more mistakes along the way and the members of the company for giving up their time and energy in pursuit of profit !

James Burroughs - Managing Director

The Warwick University Trip

On Thursday morning of Block Week (November 14th), those Y12 students who were interested and had paid their money were taken on a trip to Warwick University as an introduction to university life.

Upon arrival at the campus in Coventry (yes, this is Warwick University), students were divided into groups of approximately six people. Each group was then shown around by a first year university student. Our group's guide was Katie, a friendly Psychology student who confided in us that she was being paid for the pleasure of escorting us.

Unfortunately, as this trip was in term time, we were unable to go into lecture theatres and laboratories because normal lectures and tutorials were in progress. However, a great deal of useful information was gleaned on other topics. Katie informed us about transport, leisure facilities and medical facilities - once signed up, students have the benefit of medical and dental checks available on campus. Most interesting though, was the student accommodation and its cost. The basic rooms have bed, desk and wash basin with communal showers and toilets on each floor. More expensive rooms have private facilities available in each room. We were told about the cost of food on campus as well as self catering and then there was the cost of books.

It had been an enlightening morning for all of us particularly, perhaps, on the financial front.

Laura Martin, 12 GRW

Visite à Paris, novembre 1996

En novembre dernier, un groupe d'étudiants de français en terminale est allé à Paris pendant quatre jours. L'occasion parfaite d'améliorer son niveau de la langue, de connaître bien Paris, sa culture et ses problèmes.....et le plaisir de la compagnie de nos camarades, 24 heures sur 24, dans un pays étranger merveilleusement équipé de café-bars !!!!

Sérieusement, la visite elle-même s'est très bien passée. Même la promenade le long des couloirs sans fin de l'aéroport Charles de Gaulle à l'arrivée n'a pas jeté un froid sur notre enthousiasme bouillonnant ! Peu après, ayant goûté la joie douteuse du système de métro parisien, nous nous sommes arrêtés à notre hôtel pour signer le registre. (Celui-ci, nous avons noté avec soulagement, était assez confortable.) Puis on été lancé dans un régime strict de "Paris à toutes fois" !!

Les trois jours et demi qui ont suivi celui-là se sont mêlés dans un tourbillon de musées, de peinture, de vues magnifiques et de la réalité des problèmes de la pauvreté et de la pollution dont souffre cette ville renommée. Nous avons vu les oeuvres d'art glorieuses, telles que La Joconde, le Vénus de Milo, Le Baisier et Le Penseur de Rodin; nous avons fait des excursions remarquables - ne ratez pas l'occasion de monter à la Tour Eiffel, elle offre la meilleure vue de Paris qu'on puisse trouver !

Bien qu'il soit vrai que cette visite ressemblait de temps en temps à un cours de collège, en ce sens que M. Wells a parlé constamment en initiales (K.S.A.A.T., N.P., G.C.U. !!!) en portant un large sourire fou, nous nous sommes tellement bien amusés. Je n'ai pas fait mention des autres distractoirs qui nous ont captivé, mais je n'aurais pas assez de place !

Il me reste de conclure que, si je n'étais pas allée à Paris, je n'aurais pas eu un si bon niveau à l'examen oral d'A-level. Donc, si vous étudiez le français, je vous conseillerais de participer à cette excursion (si seulement pour regarder en stupéfaction la casquette de Monsieur Wells - trop atroce de décrire ici !!!).

The Paris Trip, November 1996

Last November, a group of upper sixth French students went to Paris for four days. It was the perfect chance to improve one's standard of the language, to really get to know Paris and its culture and problems..... and have the pleasure of the company of our friends round-the-clock in a foreign country packed with café bars !!!

Seriously the visit itself went very well. Even tramping along the endless corridors of the Charles de Gaulle airport on our arrival could not dampen our bubbling enthusiasm ! Shortly afterwards, having sampled the dubious delights of the Paris metro system, we stopped briefly at our hotel to check in. (We noted with relief that it was quite a comfortable one.) Then we were launched into a strict diet of "Paris at all times" !!

The three and a half days which followed merged into a swirl of museums, painting, wonderful sights, and the reality of the problems of poverty and pollution from which this renowned town suffers. We saw fabulous works of art such as the *Mona Lisa* , the *Venus de Milo*, Rodin's *The Kiss* and *The Thinker* , we made remarkable visits - don't miss the chance to climb the Eiffel Tower, it offers the best view of Paris you could find !

Although it's true that from time to time this trip resembled a school lesson, in so far as Mr Wells spoke constantly in initials, (K.S.A.A.T., N.P.P., G.C.U.!!!) while wearing a manic grin, we really enjoyed ourselves. I haven't mentioned the numerous other attractions which captivated us, but I wouldn't have enough room !

It remains for me to conclude that, if I hadn't gone to Paris, I wouldn't have been able to attain so a good standard in my A-level oral exam. So if you are studying French, I would advise you to take part in this trip (if only to gaze at Mr Wells's cap in amazement - too horrible to describe here !!!).

Louise Carr, 13DCB

Music Competition

On Friday 7th March half of the school's musical talent trundled down to school for the annual music competition. Everyone was well prepared and as usual it

was impossible to enter the music room during breaks and lunchtimes the week before.

All the best musicians are disorganised, so from the panic attacks seen on Thursday and Friday I conclude that AGS has many talented pupils !

Anyway eventually the dreaded evening came and a lucky audience of friends and families were entertained for the evening. The competition took place in the Hall and Music Room, with the participants being judged by two visiting adjudicators, with extra entertainment provided by our very own Mr Dobell and Duncan, just to provide even more value for money !

Nerves were catching and things didn't always go as planned, but overall the evening was very successful. The best bit, though, had to be the free creme egg provided for everyone who took part, and of course the slightly larger rewards for the more talented competitors !

Lucy Tugwell, 10B

Visit to Hewell Grange

On Saturday 14th December 1996 the junior and senior choir were invited to HM Prison, Hewell Grange where it was the 50th Anniversary Festival of Music and Carols.

We arrived at school at around half past five to have enough time for a quick rehearsal. We were then ready to go to the coach. On the way some of us had the delightful experience of Mr Dobell's tiresome jokes (for the hundredth time) but thankfully arrived there just in time. When we had got there we had yet another rehearsal and before we knew it we were walking into the hall to be seated either side of the stage. The first item that Alcester Grammar School fully contributed to was the senior choir singing *Gandere* and *Rejoice and be Merry*. A little later on the junior choir sang *I Close My Eyes*. Immediately following that was the senior choir singing *Sir Christemas*. That was it, our contribution was complete but we still had to sit throughout the rest of the concert.

On the whole most people enjoyed the experience of singing in a prison (if that's possible), although some were still too busy wondering if they would bump into

an axe-murderer or a bank robber !!!

Amy Walter, 8S

A Near Triumph From Near Disaster

KES Beat Alcester Grammar by Six Wickets

Looking back at the game, I must admit it was the most exciting end to a school match I have ever seen. The AGS innings became almost solid after a mid-order collapse and a good total of sixty-seven runs was scored before the sixteen overs were up. After seeing AGS lose to KES last year, I must admit I was pleased with the home team's score, but after the KES scorer told me their average was around 100 runs off twenty overs and Gilbert hit a cracking four with the first ball of the KES innings, I was getting a little pessimistic ! Highlight of the Alcester innings was a partnership between Fletcher and Mutton which brought about a third of the total runs ! KES were running away with it near the end of their innings, but the fall of Gilbert's wicket with KES requiring only eight to win nearly became their undoing. Fletcher came in to bowl his second over and the whole innings turned upside-down. Fletcher's second ball bowled out Forsdick, who had made a superb innings of thirty-six, scoring an amazing *six* fours in his innings. This was a vital wicket and after his departure, KES struggled to score the four runs required for victory, losing two wickets in the process ! They finally made the vital runs with only three balls to spare, despite having four overs to do it in ! Another case of so near but yet so far for Alcester, but never mind ! There's always the next match - or the one after.....

John Whitehouse, 9s

Postscript : This sums up our cricket - good morale, results not so good. DC

The Good Food Show Trip

Years 10 and 11 and members of the sixth form went to 'The Good Food Show' held at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham on 27th November 1996.

The exhibition displayed both new and existing products and several main stands such as the "Quorn" stand and "Bird's Eye" stand introduced meat free products

to members of the public. There were several celebrity chefs and cooks such as Ainsley Harriott, Ken Horn, Brian Turner and Michael Barry who took part in demonstrations and shows.

Overall this was an enjoyable trip, especially as we could eat lots of free food !

Ian Bryenton and Gemma Collins, both of 10B

Our day As Journalists

Thanks to a chance meeting with Richard Pearce, Education Officer of *The Coventry Telegraph*, we were asked if we might be interested in writing a report on "The Education Show" at the NEC. Yes, it sounded corny: 'Our Day as Journalists' style; you know - the sort of thing Mr Johnson might ask you to write for the school magazine.

With this in mind, we had expected to be treated like pupils, but when equipped with press badges which stated that we represented *The Coventry Telegraph*, we realised we would be in no way shielded from any aspect of reporting and it was to our great advantage that we weren't. Our press badges allowed us access to all the VIP suites at the show which resulted in Tea and Biscuits with Ian Hislop.....and have I got news for you - we chose his tie ! Conversely we had a rather formal chat with Trevor McDonald, who was interested in our involvement in the Newspaper in Education initiative.

Not only did our press badges award us privileges, they also granted us the power of intimidation. Every exhibitor began to stutter and tremble with fear as we approached them; honestly this was attributed more to our press badges than our remarkable resemblance to the Teletubbies. There was an apparent hesitancy in what the exhibitors said to us: obviously fearful of press misquotation :

'.....wellumm, actually....hold on a moment..... I can't really comment.'

This was particularly amusing and so we made it ou policy to ask the most searching questions possible. We ripped through the stalls like a journalistic tornado; devastating the otherwise confident exhibitors - yes, as you can imagine we **were** feeling pretty self assured. (We did share short-bread cookies with Ian Hislop.)

We wrote two articles for a drugs supplement and four for the report on The

Education Show. We made many 'contacts' during the day.....press consultants from EMAP and editor of *The Young Writer's Magazine* ; it was amazing that one opportunity had led to so many others and this is something that sums up the media - a matter of luck, opportunities and 'who you know'.

It's up to you to be determined to seize the opportunities when they arise. Had we not approached Mr Pearce in the corridor we may never have shared the same air space as that media-god: Trev !

Corrinne Averiss, 12CRS and Kathryn Pozzi, 12MAC

French Exchange May 1997

Someone didn't want us to go to France. In fact several people didn't want us to get there! We arrived at the port in an English coach, on time, checked in, showed our passports, squeezed into the bus and got onto the ferry. Disaster number one, it was late. O.K. so it wasn't a major disaster, but it started off a series of problems related generally to transport. We got to the French port without any further problems and waited for our luggage to come. While we were waiting we watched the truck carrying our suitcases whiz around the corner outside and a couple of suitcases fly off the back. They weren't in quite as good condition as they had been in England, to put it mildly.

Anyway we carried on cheerfully down a series of steps with our suitcases and waited for the French coach. We waited and waited and waited. Eventually we were told that the coach company had decided to send the coach to Cherbourg and we were in Le Havre. "Sorry we've got to wait another three hours here," we were told. Oh well, at least we got to practise our first bit of French. "Est-ce que je peux avoir de l'eau, sil vous plait", I asked the man offering us free refills of water for our bottles. He looked at me blankly, so I handed over my bottle. "Oh, de l'eau," he said. Yes, what did I say?!

The bus came and the driver had to have his half - an - hour break by law and we couldn't eat on the bus, but I think we did.

When I arrived at my partner's house at about 12.30 a.m. the last thing I felt like was having a tour around the house in French and answering the series of questions being fired at me. I did.

The time we spent in France went well, we had good weather and visited lots of places including Futuroscope with the French, and the beach without them. We did have several more problems with the transport, but we all got used to it after a while.

The French school is massive compared to ours, and they were very surprised to see us in shorts and T shirts, but we were just as surprised to see them in millions of layers. If you think English school dinners are bad, you obviously haven't tried the French. Oh, and another thing, it's not a very good idea to wear anything resembling a skirt anywhere near a French school.

Quite a few people felt the consequences of the rough ferry journey back, that is if they weren't asleep. To be honest we expected there to be a problem with the coach when we got off the ferry. There was. Our coach had broken down and we had to travel back on another party's coach which was full of their stuff.

Well we arrived back in England safely, and now we can all speak, listen, understand and write that "trendy" language Mr Wells is always going on about. We had a good time too.

Lucy Tugwell, 10B

The GCSE Food Technology Trip to Cadbury's World

In June a group of Year 10 food technology students visited Cadbury's World as part of their course. The purpose of the visit was to see the production line in action, but unfortunately there was no action due to problems on the production line. We went through the exhibitions eating the large amounts of free chocolate we had been given. The highlight of the trip, apart from the chocolate, was Beanville where we saw little model cocoa beans in little houses and cars!

All in all a good opportunity to eat lots of chocolate. Thank you Mrs Bovey.

Lauren James 10B

The Canoe Club Visit to St David's, Pembroke 1997

Thursday 10th July : DC and DTM leave AGS with a party of 6 canoeists. We drove via M5-M4 to West Wales with an interesting puncture on the way for the trailer. We arrived at St Davids at about 7.00 p.m. to be greeted by Dr and Mrs

Albon who were already on the camp-site. Our field overlooked Porth Clais, a picturesque little harbour with a short breakwater. This was to be used on the Friday as a "flying canoe" take off point when trembling AGS canoeists were slid off the jetty and nose dived three metres into the briny! Friday was a practice day for capsizes/rescues/strokes/sillygames. The afternoon involved a short trip along the coast line in St Brides bay. Saturday gave us a tremendously exciting trip around Ramsey Island, a National Trust property 600 metres across Ramsey Sound (where the tidal flow reaches a stunning seven to eight knots - well it is stunning if you are trying to paddle against it!). We in fact booked our passage on an inflatable "jet boat" with powerful engines able to roar around the island. On tight turns we were clinging to our wrist straps and mouthing "Phwooar!" with the best of them.

Sunday was surfing in Whitesands Bay where Mary showed her competence in shooting in on the waves (and rolling upright when the wave grabbed her). Everyone had at least one skimming ride into the beach, Dan doing an involuntary backwards run!

An interesting few days, and pleasing to see Mrs Albon and her husband again, who had joined us from their home in Kirby Stephen.

Group members :

Mr Cowell, Mr Micklethwaite

Mary Richards, Anna Spanswick, Dan Carrivick, Ben Joyce, Iain Slade, Adam Wheeler

The Merchant of Venice

In such a night.....\$@!! (prompt please)

A quotation from a rehearsal of the Senior school production of one of Shakespeare's lesser known plays. The show was set in the 1920s, because "this was around the time of the Wall Street crash" as quoted from the programme. Actually it was so that Mrs Green could have a lot of fun designing the set, costumes, hair and make-up with the able assistance of such brave souls as the GNVQ Art group, Jack Boulton (costume), Liz Benstead (Hair and Make-up), Rosie Peters, Gail Paddock, Becky Todd, Nicola Stubbs and the large array of stage crew.

For many of the cast it was the first time they had ever performed Shakespeare and the thought of learning lines was, to say the least, a bit daunting. James Smith made a comeback to play Bassanio, and, playing his incredibly rich, clever and charming other half, Portia, was newcomer Corrinne Averiss, who handled it brilliantly. Kathryn Pozzi, another still getting used to the ridiculously small amount of time in which we put these shows on, and producing a performance to shame us old hands, was playing Portia's maid, best friend etc. Nerissa. Her "man" and Bassanio's side kick, Gratiano, was played by the ever comical Dan Hewitt who is unrivalled in his ability to act slightly (?) drunk with the exception of Guy Lock who appeared in this production as Salerio. Salanio, Salerio's colleague, was well portrayed as a slightly dizzy woman by Carrie Heath.

The ill advised Antonio was played by Stephen Mutton who, as Mrs G. put it, "had his chest displayed to the semi-populous". The bloke who "wanted a pound of flesh" and whose character was never quite straightforward was Shylock. He was played by David Last, who is normally on the musical side of things but showed he is just as able to tread the boards. His daughter Jessica, portrayed as a "not very nice person" in this production, was played by me. This was my first outing not playing someone under sixteen or five foot and I was still somebody's daughter! Jessica's other half, Lorenzo, was well played by James Burroughes to whom I apologise. Launcelot, possibly Jessica's bit on the side, and the fool, was brilliantly played by Oli Hyatt. Two other newcomers Dan Barlow and Nino Jinks coped admirably at playing two parts. Who can forget Dan's BLACK face paint and Nino's hilarious Prince of Aragon. The chorus girls were great, especially their song : Lizzie Faulkner, Kate Hemming and Kate Tanner accompanied by a triangle.

For many people this was their last performance both on stage and behind. They were all duly honoured in the newly styled programme but with a special mention to Rachel Burgess (SM) and Chris Kerr (Tech. Dir.) whose expertise at handling the cast was impeccable. There were only three members of Year 11 involved in this production, two on-stage (one of whom was myself) and one behind the scenes. The other on-stage was Tim Port who had to juggle two parts Tubal/Servant and Nataiie Horsfield was behind the scenes, a Stage-Manager in the making.

The show was great and one ten-year-old came back to see it twice because she thought it was so good! There were only a few minor mistakes and the totally unrehearsed shooting of Shylock on the last evening went with a bang! (sorry!). Mrs Green deserves an Oscar for her ability to get our attention (most of the time) and her faith that in 4 and a half weeks she can turn a bunch of bumbling students into Shakespearian actors.

Beccy Key, Y11

Summary Of Examination Results Summer 1997

GCSE Results Achieved by Y11

Subject	Entries	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	%A-C
English	61	1	20	27	13				100
Eng.Lit	61	5	5	36	12	2	1		95
Mathematics	61	12	14	26	9				100
Biology	61	5	26	24	4	2			97
Chemistry	61	13	20	14	10	2	1	1	93
Physics	61	11	26	17	6	1			98
French	39	6	10	14	7	0	2		95
German	39	3	15	15	5	1			97
History	26	8	5	11	2				100
Geography	56	5	11	19	18	2	1		95
Art	21	0	5	7	7	1	1		90
Design Technology									
	20	0	6	9	5				100
Food Technology									
	24	1	7	5	4			1	94
Music	18	1	7	5	4			1	94
Totals	609	82	177	228	103	11	6	2	96.9

A Level Results Achieved by Y13

Subjects	Entries	A	B	C	D	E	N	U	%A-E	%A-B
Art	22	2	7	10	3					10041
Biology	34	10	5	4	4	5	2	4	82	44
Chemistry	28	6	5	2	7	5	3		89	39

Subjects	Entries	A	B	C	D	E	N	U	%A-E	%A-B
Physics	27	11	8	3	2	3			100	70
Economics	28	1	7	7	5	5	1	2	89	29
English	51	9	12	10	11	7	2		96	41
French	19	5	5	4	3	1	1		95	53
Geography	36	9	8	7	3	6	3		92	47
German	9	3	1	2	1	2			100	44
History	22	1	3	4	9	3	2		91	18
Mathematics	35	19	7	7		1	1		97	74
Further Maths.	6	4	1		1				100	83
Music	4		2	2					100	50
Home Economics	4	4							100	100
Theatre Studies	7		4	2		1			100	57
Design Technology	9		1	2	3	2	1		89	11
Total	341	84	76	66	52	41	16	6	93.5	46.9
General Studies	26	2	1	5	5	3	7	2	62	12
(one student was absent from the General Studies examination)										
Total including General Studies	367	86	77	71	57	44	23	8	91.3	44.4

AS Results Achieved by Y13

Subjects	Entries	A	B	C	D	E	N	U	%A-E	%A-B
French	8		1	2	5				100	13
Geography	4			1	1	1	1		75	
Mathematics	24	1	3	4	6	7	1	1	88	17
Computer Studs.	22	2	2	3	7	4	4		82	18
Statistics	4	1	1		1	1			100	50
Geology	7	2		1	2		2		71	29
History	6		1	1	2	2			100	17
Business Studs	3		1		2				100	33
German	1					1			100	
Electronics	8	2		2	1	3			100	25
English	3	2		1					100	67
Psychology	3				1	2			100	
Total	93	10	9	14	29	21	8	1	89.2	20.4
(one student was absent from the Mathematics examination)										

Results Achieved by Year 13 for Vocational Qualifications (GNVQ)

GNVQ Advanced	Entries	Distinction	Merit	Pass
Business	11	5	2	
Art & Design	6	4	1	
Total	17	12	3	

National Curriculum Standard Assessment Tasks Taken In Year 9 in 1997

The figures show the percentage of students achieving the designated grades, rounded to the nearest whole percentage point. "TA" stands for teacher assessment "SAT" for standard assessment test and "EP" for exceptional performance.

Levels	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	EP	Absent
English										
TA	0	0	0	0	0	47	28	25	0	0
SAT	0	0	0	2	25	42	10	19	2	1
Maths										
TA	0	0	0	0	2	28	55	15	0	0
SAT	0	0	0	0	0	25	57	18	0	0
Science										
TA	0	0	0	0	3	27	52	18	0	0
SAT	0	0	0	5	25	50	20	20	0	0

National Results for 1996 (1997 results are not available until 1998)

Levels	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	EP	Absent
English										
TA	1	3	11	24	30	21	9	1	0	0
SAT	0	2	10	23	31	18	7	1	0	5
Maths										
TA	0	2	12	24	27	23	11	2	0	0
SAT	0	2	11	23	23	22	10	1	0	5
Science										
TA	0	2	11	26	32	21	7	0	0	0
SAT	0	2	9	26	35	17	4	0	0	6

Destinations of 1997 Leavers

The list below gives all the details as we know them at the time of going to press. All students are going to degree courses at universities unless otherwise indicated.

Angel Aburto - Design Foundation Course at MWCFE, **Annabel Allen** - Biology at Manchester, **Catherine Allen** - Year out for voluntary work with a youth group in Germany then '98 entry to Modern and Mediaeval Languages at Cambridge, **Richard Anthony** - employment, **Richard Applin** - Electronic Engineering at Exeter, **Soraya Araman** - American Studies at UEA, **Alistair Bagshaw** - Art Foundation Course at MWCFE, **Aaron Bailey** - Engineering apprenticeship with Rover, **Laura Ball** - French and Italian at UCL, **Laura Bashford** - Outdoor Studies at Lancaster, **Christopher Beckley** - Engineering and Management at Exeter, **Victoria Benskin** - Diploma in Nursing at Anglia, **Richard Bentley** - employment, **Oliver Blakeman** - Materials Science and Engineering at Bath, **Belinda Bowring** - History of Art at the Courtauld Institute, **Katy Bradfield** - Educational Studies with Music at Reading, **Rachel Bradley** - French at Aston, **Rachael Bratton** - Consumer Science at Cardiff, **Philip Bridge** - Chemistry at Plymouth, **William Bright** - Teaching at Newman College Birmingham, **Felicity Burgess** - Advanced GNVQ Science at Evesham College, **Rachel Burgess** - Physics at Bath, **Louise Carr** - Combined Studies at Newcastle, **Robert Carrington** - Engineering Foundation Course at Central Lancashire, **Jonathan Carrivick** - Physical Geography at Cranfield, **Matthew Carter** - Materials Science and Engineering at Bath, **Ruth Chan** - Music at Oxford, **Tim Clarke** - Economics and Geography at Nottingham Trent, **Sarah Cole** - English Language and Literature at Central England, **Anthony Collett** - employment with Barclay's Bank, **Laura Collett** - Maths and Management Science at UMIST, **Katy Cook** - Art Foundation at Cheltenham and Gloucester College of HE, **Adam Crossley** - Architecture at Sheffield, **Alessandro D'Elia** - Italian at Swansea, **Holly Dagger** - Humanities at Nottingham Trent, **Timothy Davey** - Electronic Engineering at Plymouth, **Elsbeth Dawes** - Psychology at Liverpool, **Timothy Deeks** - Business Studies at Westminster, **Gregory Dodd** - HND in Automotive Engineering at Coventry, **Lucy Emmerson** - English at Cambridge, **Daniela Evans** - English at Aberystwyth, **Benjamin Ewins** - Pathobiology at Reading, **Jamie Forrest** - full time employment at Coughton Court, **Samuel Freeman** - Graphic Design Foundation Course at MWCFE, **Matthew Frost** - Sport and Exercise Sciences with Human Geography at Cheltenham and Gloucester College of HE, **Carmen Ganderton** - Interior Design at Huddersfield, **Katie Guest** - Art Foundation Course at Bournville College, **Charlotte Hale** - Media Technology at Southampton Institute, **Susie Hales** - Psychology at Manchester, **Mary Harries** - Mechanical Engineering at Imperial, **Alison Harris** - French-Linguistics at Leeds, **Louise Hart** - Psychology at Plymouth, **Daniel Hartwell** - Medicine at Liverpool, **James Havard** - Environmental Geology at Southampton, **Christian Henderson** - Year out to work on a Kibbutz, **Daniel Hewitt** - Year out applying for entry in 1998, **Matthew Hickman** -

Industrial Management at Nottingham Trent, **Christopher Hill** - Psychology at Bangor, **Thomas Hill** - Mechanical Engineering at Nottingham, **Jemma Houghton** - Law at Central England, **Oliver Hyatt** - Computer Visualisation and Animation at Bournemouth, **Charlotte Ironmonger** - Year out, then '98 entry for English and Psychology at Roehampton Institute, **Joseph Jardine** - Electronic Engineering at the University of Plymouth, **Thomas Johnson** - Natural Sciences at Cambridge, **Lucy Jones** - Italian, Tourism and Leisure at Liverpool John Moores, **Rachael Jones** - Applied Biology at Coventry, **Samantha Jones** - Nursing at Bournemouth, **Sarah Jones**, Psychiatric Nursing at Coventry, **Wesley Jones** - employment, **Christopher Keen** - Computer Science at Warwick, **Christopher Kerr** - Law at Nottingham Trent, **Damien Kerr** - Humanities Combined at Ulster, **Claire Kershaw** - Personnel management at Plymouth, **Tammy Knight** - employment with Avon Insurance, **David Last** - Music at the Welsh College of Music and Drama, **Josephine Leather** - Biomedical Sciences at Hull, **Mark Lewis** - Business Studies at Plymouth, **James Li** - Electronics and Computer Science at Birmingham, **Katharine Lisle** - Year out then Business Management with Financial management at Cheltenham and Gloucester College of HE in '98, **Stephanie Littler** - Management Training at BHS, Stratford on Avon, **Guy Lock** - Ancient History at St Andrews, **Louise MacDonald** - Dietetics at Leeds, **Caroline Mansfield** - English and Archaeology at Lampeter, **Rachel Mattimoe** - History at Exeter, **Andrew McArthur** - Business Administration at Plymouth, **Danielle Mellings** - Teaching at Central England, **Suzy Messent** - Tourism at Cardiff, **Ross Mitchell** - Art Foundation Course at MWCFE, **Henry Moorhouse** - Year out with application for entry in '98, **Andrew Mullins** - Business Administration at Plymouth, **Craig Nicol** - Artificial Intelligence and Computer Science at Edinburgh, **Sebastian Norris** - Geology at Southampton, **Victoria Norton** - HND in Business Studies at Gwent College of HE, **Ginika O'Korafor** - Anthropology at Goldsmith's College, University of London, **Claire Parkinson** - European Studies at Plymouth, **Laura Peacock** - History and Teaching at Roehampton Institute, **John Percival** - Year out with application for entry in '98, **Kerry Perks** - Biomedical Sciences at Bradford, **Ella Poulter** - Veterinary Science at Liverpool, **Paul Powell** - Engineering Mathematics at Bristol, **Ruth Reid** - completion of GNVQ studies, **Eleanor Remes** - Social Policy at Plymouth, **Christopher Richards** - Music at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, **Lucy Richmond** - Criminal Justice and Policing, **Amanda Ritchie** - employment with management training, **Erica Rowlatt** - History and English at Keele, **Jemma Rutter** - Law at London Guildhall, **Hannah Saunders** - English Studies at Exeter, **Caroline Skinner** - Law at Wolverhampton, **Ashley Smith** - Computer Software Technology at Bath, **James Smith** - English at UCL, **Jessica Smith** - Architecture at Liverpool, **Mark Smith** - Chemistry at Warwick, **Richard Smith** - Mechanical Engineering at Coventry, **Alison Snoswell** - Design Studies at Nottingham Trent, **Jessica Startin** - Art Foundation Course at Matthew Boulton College Birmingham, **Ian Stevens** - employment in the catering industry, **Peter Sturdey** - Year out working with young people, then Chemistry with study in the USA at Sheffield in '98, **Duncan Thomas** - returned to AGS, applying for entry in '98, **Alexander Vacalopoulos** -

Accounting with Economics at Southampton, **Caroline Wakeling** - Biology at Nottingham, **Carol Walford** - Psychology at Bangor, **Nicholas Waters** - Applying for Armed Forces, **Robin Wells** - applying for entry to the Armed Forces in '98, **Elizabeth White** - employment, **Rachel White** - Geography at Durham, **Anna Whitehead** - applying for entry in '98, **Caroline Wildin** - Consumer Science at Cardiff, **Nina Wilkins** - Child Nursing at Keele in '98, **Emma Williams** - Mathematical Sciences at Birmingham, **Philip Witcherley** - Economics and Economic and Social History at York, **Judith Wood** - Archaeology and History at Durham, **John Woodman** - A level resits at SWCFE, **Gemma Woodward** - Psychology/Biology at Oxford Brookes, **Nadia Wyspianska** - Year out seeking employment.

We have also received news of the destinations of 1996 leavers :

James Bingham - Social Sciences at Manchester Metropolitan, **Steven Bugden** - English Literature, Media and Drama at Swansea, **Lucy Gilbert** - Mathematical sciences at West of England, **Florence Heyland** - Sociology at Swansea, **Jason Stockwell** - English Literature at Cardiff

Sports Day Results, July 1997

A new record is denoted by *

Junior Boys

100m Y7	1 T. Snowdon (W)	2 P. Carrivick (N)	3 P.Tansey (W)
100m Y8	1 J. Bacon (S)	2 P. White (N)	3 C. Jolliffe (N)
200m	1 A. Collins (W)	2 M. Halliday (W)	3 T. Snowdon (W)
400m	1 J. Baty (S)	2 D. White (N)	3 D. Ireland (S)
800m	1 C. Rees (N)	2 D. Furlow (W)	3 M. Remes (N)
1500m	1 C. Rees (N)	2 M. Remes (N)	3 D. Ireland (S)
4X100 "A"Race	1 Spencer	2 Newport	3 Wells
4X100 "B"Race	1 Spencer	2 Newport	3 Wells
Long Jump	1 A. Collins (W)	2 D. Furlow (W)	3 A. Caithness (W)
High Jump	1 A. Collins (W)	2 D. Furlow (W)	3 R. Watts (W)
Shot	1 J. Baty (S)	2 M. Halliday (W)	3 D. White (N)
Discus	1 M. Halliday (W)	2 J. Bacon (S)	3 M. Hales (N)
Javelin	1 R. Ireland (S)	2 C. Harris (W)	3 J. Baty (S)
Cricket Ball	1 J. Richardson (N)*	2 T. Harris (W)	3 M. Hales (N)
Hurdles	1 C. Jolliffe (N)	2 J. Bacon (S)	3 C. May (W)

Junior Girls

100m Y7	1 R. Pearshouse (N)	2 S. Clark (N)	3 S. Bladon (S)
100m Y8	1 A. Collins (S)	2 V. Ricketts (S)	3 A. Ball (N)
200m	1 R. Bentley (W)	2 V. Ricketts (S)	3 R. Pearson (N)
300m	1 B. Edwards (S)	2 H. Wilkinson (S)	3 K. Salt Bush (W)
800m	1 A. Vater (S)	2 A. Howe (N)	3 B. Edwards (S)
1500m	1 A. Vater (S)	2 L. Campbell (N)	3 K. Salt Bush (W)

Junior Girls, continued

4X100 "A" Race	1 Wells	2 Newport	3 Spencer
4X100 "B" Race	1 Spencer	2 Newport	3 Wells
Long Jump	1 M. Coll (W)	2 A. Ball (N)	3 C. Archer (S)
High Jump	1 L. Ellison (N)	2 A. Vater (S)	3 E. Lambourne (W)
Shot	1 L. Ellison (N)	2 C. Mavrommatis (W)	3 K. Dearnley (S)
Discus	1 L. Dimmock (W)	2 S. Westmacott (N)	3 N. Martin (S)
Javelin	1 C. Mavrommatis (W)	2 S. Thomas (S)	3 J. Tugman (S)
Rounders Ball	1 R. Pearshouse (N)	2 V. Ricketts (S)	3 J. Green (N)
Hurdles	1 L. Brittan (W)	2 A. Collins (S)	3 L. Ellison (N)

Inter Boys

100m Y9	1 T. Coates (S)	2 G. Platt (N)	3 J. Pickett (W)
100m Y10	1 C. Robertson (W)	2 A. Lea (N)	3 T. Marshall (N)
200m	1 C. Robertson (W)	2 A. Lea (N)	3 M. Hatton (W)
400m	1 S. Horrocks (S)	2 H. Philpotts (W)	3 P. Bradley (N)
800m	1 A. Drew (S)	2 T. Coates (S)	3 M. Hatton (W)
1500 m	1 D. Hawkes (S)	2 G. Whale (N)	3 B. Fletcher (S)
4X100 "A" Race	1 Newport	2 Wells	3 Spencer
4X100 "B" Race	1 Spencer	2 Wells	3 Newport
Long Jump	1 D. Hawkes (S)	2 R. Auchoybur (N)	3 S. Horrocks (S)
High Jump	1 C. Robertson (W)	2 T. Poultny (W)	3 R. Auchoybur (N)
Shot	1 A. Lea (N)	2 T. Marshall (N)	3 J. Wraight (S)
Discus	1 T. Billingsley (S)	2 P. Bradley (N)	3 B. Furlow (W)
Javelin	1 D. Hawkes (S)	2 J. Wells (N)	3 B. Furlow (W)
Hurdles	1 A. Drew (S)	2 J. Allen (N)	3 T. Poultny (W)

Inter Girls

100m Y9	1 J. Gilbert (S)	2 L. Smith (N)	3 K. Billyard (N)
100m Y10	1 A. Carter (S)	2 C. Joyce (N)	3 N. Ross (W)
200m	1 A. Carter (S)	2 R. Boyall (N)	3 L. Boyce (W)
300m	1 G. Collins (S)	2 S. Nicholls (S)	3 L. Thomas (W)
800m	1 A. Vater (S)	2 L. Villis (S)	3 K. Morris (W)
1500m	1 G. Collins (S)	2 A. Vater (S)	3 K. Morris (W)
4X100 "A" Race	1 Spencer	2 Wells	3 Newport
4X100 "B" Race	1 Spencer	2 Wells	3 Newport
Long Jump	1 A. Carter (S)	2 E. Wells (N)	3 S. Clevely (W)
High Jump	1 G. Collins (S)	2 A. Vater (S)	3 K. Billyard (N)
Shot	1 J. Gilbert (S)	2 L. Watts	3 N. Smith (N)
Discus	1 B. Fleming (W)	2 L. Hall (W)	3 A. Poulter (N)
Javelin	1 J. Taylor (S)	2 C. Wasley (S)	3 B. Fleming (W)
Hurdles	1 C. Joyce (N)	3 S. Nicholls (S)	3 K. Harris (W)

Senior Boys

100m	1 O. Raison (S)	2 L. Tarling (N)	3 D. Meredith (W)
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Senior Boys, continued

200m	1 O. Raison (S)	2 R. Stanton (W)	3 R. Clayton (S)
400m	1 R. Clayton (S)	2 D. Meredith (W)	3 D. Lamb (N)
800m	1 I. Hickman (S)	2 D. Carrivick (N)	3 S. Wilks (N)
1500m	1 J. Bowler (S)	2 D. Carrivick (N)	3 K. Meade (S)
4X100 "A" Race	1 Newport	2 Spencer	3 Wells
Long Jump	1 J. Bowler (S)	2 J. Bleakman (S)	3 M. Capron (N)
High Jump	1 J. Bowler (S)	2 J. Bleakman (S)	3 D. Meredith (W)
Shot	1 D. Barlow (N)	2 R. Stanford (W)	3 O. Raison (S)
Discus	1 R. Stanford (W)	2 R. Clayton	3 A. Dukes (N)
Javelin	1 E. Hall (S)	2 T. Coles (W)	3 B. Joyce (N)

Senior Girls

100m	1 K. Sergeant (S)	2 N. Stubbs (N)	3 R. Collins (W)
200m	1 C. Neville (N)	2 A. Collis (W)	3 E. Mason (S)
300m	1 L. Wakeling (W)	2 C. Neville (N)	3 M. Beech (S)
800m	1 L. Wakeling (W)	2 A. Clark (N)	3 A. Collis (W)
4X100 "A" Race	1 Newport	2 Spencer	3 Wells
Long Jump	1 L. Wakeling (W)	2 L. Smith (N)	3 K. Sergeant (S)
High Jump	1 N. Stubbs (N)	2 E. Thould	3 A. Stott (W)
Shot	1 A. Kerr (N)	2 B. Taylor (W)	3 E. Mason (S)
Javelin	1 B. Taylor (W)	2 L. Bayman (N)	3 K. Rob (S)
Discus	1 A. Kerr (N)	2 L. McFarlane (N)	3 M. Beech (S)

Overall Result Summary for Sports Day

Victor Ludorum - Junior Boys	Adam Collins
Victrix Ludorum - Junior Girls	Annie Vater
Victor Ludorum - Inter Boys	Colin Robertson
Victrix Ludorum - Inter Girls	Gemma Collins
Victor Ludorum - Senior Boys	James Bowler
Victrix Ludorum - Senior Girls	Liz Wakeling
Girls' Cup :	Spencer Newport Wells
Boys' Cup :	Spencer Newport Wells
Overall Shield: Spencer	Newport Wells

Games Results 1996-97

Inter House Trophy (Based on the whole year's activities)

1 Spencer (343 points) 2 Newport (305 points) 3 Wells (290 points)

The Turner Cup for Swimming

1st Wells 2nd Spencer 3rd Newport

Athletics

Alexis Carter, Colin Robertson, Gemma Collins and James Bowler represented Warwickshire. In the Warwickshire combined events, the Junior Boys came 3rd, Inter Boys 3rd, and Senior Boys 1st. Senior colours were awarded to Alexis Carter, Gemma Carter, Colin Robertson, and junior colours to Annie Vater.

Cricket			P	W	D	Captain(s)
	1st	XI	4	1	2	A. McArthur
	Y10	XI	3	1		S. Horrocks
	Y9	XI	4	2		G. Platt
	Y8	XI	1			J. Richardson
	Y7	XI	4	3		I. Preston

The year 7 boys' squad won the Alcester/Studley Tournament, and the 1st XI tied with KES. Colours were awarded to David Lamb, who represented Warwickshire.

Hockey			P	W	D	Captain(s)
	Senior	XI	6			A. Allen
	U16	XI	7	3		K. Sergeant
	U15	XI	7	3	2	S. Nicholls
	U14	XI	13	7	1	M. Richards
	U13	XI	10		2	C. Archer
	U12	XI	2			B. Elliott
	Mixed	XI	5	1	1	M. Beech, M. Caprow

The Senior XI and the U16 XI competed in the Eurospace Tournament. The U14 XI competed in both the South Warwickshire and Warwickshire Tournaments. Colours were awarded to Laura Collett, Katie Allen, Alison Snoswell, Ella Poulter and Mary Harries for their contribution to 6th form hockey, to Mary Beech and Katy Lloyd for their role in organising matches for the teams and to Alexis Carter for representing the county.

Netball			P	W	D	Captain(s)
	Senior	VII	6	4	1	C. Wilden
	U16	VII	4	4		K. Saunders
	U15	VII	5	4		J. Taylor
	U14	VII	5	4		B. Tash
	U13	VII	13	11		E. Cunningham
	U12	VII	11	3	1	N. White, A. Robbins

The Senior, U16, U14 and U13 VIIs all competed in the Warwickshire Tournament. The U15 VII and the U14 VII both competed in the Alcester Police Tournament, and a combined U15/ U14 team won; the U15 VII were runners up. Some U14 VII members competed in the Alcester Police Tournament and won. U13 A and B teams competed in the Alcester Police Tournament, with victory for the A team. The U12 team competed in the Warwickshire Schools Tournament at Kineton.

Rounders			P	W	D	Captain(s)
	6th	XI	2	1		
	U16	XI	4	4		K. Saunders
	U15	XI	5	5		L. Watts
	U14	XI	8	4		M. Richards
	U13	XI	2			E. Green
	U12	XI	5			A. Tash

We were runners-up in the y7 tournament.

Rugby			P	W	D	Captain(s)
	1st	XV	9	4	1	M. Carter
	Y10	XV	4	2		A. Lea
	Y9	XV	7	3		L. Lewis
	Y8	XV	7	5		J. Richardson
	Y7	XV	6	2		P. Roberts

In the South Warwickshire Sevens, Years 9,10 and 11 played 8 matches and won 5 of them.

Soccer			P	W	D	Captain(s)
	1st	XI	10	1	2	R. Mitchell
	2nd	XI	8	3	2	A. Crossley
	Y11	XI	5	1	1	S. Tilley
	Y10	XI	2	1	1	C. Robertson
	Y9	XI	6	2		G. Platt, T. Coates
	Y8	XI	8	2	2	C. Harris
	Y7	XI	19	10	3	D. Veitch

Tennis (Girls)			P	W	D	Captain(s)
	6th Form		2	1		A. Stott
	U16		1	1		K. Saunders
	U15		8	7		L. Boyce
	U14		2	1		M. Richards
	U13		8	5		

The U15 team won, and the U13 team were runners-up, in South Warwickshire. In the AGS tournament, David Hawkes was Boys' Open Champion, with Ioan Rees as runner-up, Kate Saunders was Girls' Open Champion (runner-up Mary Richards), the Junior Boys' Champion was Tom Coates (runner-up Jon Wells), and the Junior Girls' Champion was Mary Richards with Hannah Boothman as runner-up. In the final of the open mixed doubles Bryony Taylor and James Long defeated Carrie Heath and James Bleakman. Senior colours were awarded to David Hawkes, Bryony Taylor, Ioan Rees, James Long and James Bleakman. Junior colours went to Jon Wells, Mary Richards, Tom Coates and Hannah Boothman. In the Midland Bank Tournament AGS U15 girls won the South Warwickshire section and the U13 girls were runners up.

Basketball		P	W	D	Captain(s)
	Y10 XI	6	4		P. Bradley
	Y8 XI	7	3		J. Bacon

Swimming : Colours were awarded to Alana Collins, who competed in the Scottish Nationals.

Cross Country : Ian Hickman and Liz Wakeling represented Warwickshire.

Awards To Students on Leavers' Night, Autumn 1996

The Spencer Cup for the best A level results	:	John Austin
The Bell Cup for Distinction in Mathematics	:	Andrew Kendry
The Mason Cup for the best GCSE results	:	Amanda Croft
The Laurie Brain Cup for Distinction in English	:	Phillip Bennett
Awards for Distinguished service to the School	:	Becky Garner, Ruth Sheldon, James Smith, Zoe Morgan, Paul Lunau
Head Boy	:	Rob Abbott
Head Girl	:	Jill Misson
Deputies	:	Adam Tither, Ali Henstone

Old Scholars' News

Degree Results 1996

A few results which came in too late to be published in *Record No. 162* are included here :

Phillippa Dunnage (1985-92), LLB Class 2,1 in European Law at Warwick; **Giles Gasper** (1986-91) BA , Class 1 in History at Christchurch College, Oxford; **Tim Clarke** (1991-93), BSc, Class 1 in Chemistry at Birmingham; **Jon Ward** (1991-93) BSc, Class 2,2 at Birmingham; **Lorraine Hill** (1987-89) MB,ChB at Birmingham; **Jon Ratcliffe** (1991-93), BA Class 2,2 in Drama at Nene College; **Catherine Bishton** (1993 leaver), BA Class 2,1 in Geography at Lancaster; **Zoe Speakman** (1986-93), BA Class 2,1 in English at the University of Sheffield

Degree Results 1997

All students are from the cohort 1987-94, unless otherwise stated.

Joe Abbott BMedSci Class 2,1 at Nottingham; **Vicki Parish** (1992-94) BMedSci Class 2,1 at Nottingham; **Sally Hill** (1986-93) BMedSci Class 2,1 at Nottingham; **Kate Snoswell** BMedSci Class 1 at Nottingham; **Jamie Turner** (1986-93) BSc Class 1 in Computer Science at Aston; **Fleur Astbury** (1992-94) BA Class 2,1 in English at Aberystwyth; **Penny Peters** (1988-94)

BA Class 2,2 in English at Cambridge (now working for Radio Cambridge); **Lucy Davies** BA Class 1 in Environmental Management at Manchester Metropolitan; **Joanna Powis** (1991-93) BA Class 2,1 in Music and Russian at Birmingham; **Alison Green** (1991-93) BA Class 2,2 in Hospitality Management at Central Lancashire; **Rachel Jones** BSc Class 2,1 in Psychology at Lancaster; **Ian Steele** (1989-93) BSc Class 2,1 in Computer Studies at Nottingham Trent (now in employment at Addersons in Warwick); **Keith Vincent** (1986-93), LLB Class 2,1 in Law at LSE (proceeding to Bar School); **Emma Neale** (1986-93) BSc Class 1 in Mathematics at Nottingham; **Sarah Howell** BA Class 2,2 in History and European Studies at Brunel (now working for the European Commission in Brussels); **Sarah Lloyd** (1991-93) BA Class 2,2 in Food Technology and Teaching at Leeds; **Kevin Sumpth** BSc Class 1 in Geography at Bristol; **Ruth Westbury** BSc Class 2,1 in Geography at Aberystwyth; **Serena Avery** BA Class 2,1 in Geography and Archaeology at Liverpool; **Joanne Hocken** (1991-93) BA Class 2,2 in Educational Studies with Music at Reading; **Andrew Steele** BSc Class 2,2 in Mathematics at Imperial College; **Catherine Bussey** BA Class 2,2 in Combined Arts at Leicester; **Elizabeth Beech** (1986-93) BA in Art and Visual Culture at Bristol; **Winnie Parker** (1985-92) MEng Class 2 at Birmingham; **Juliet Creese** BA Class 2,1 in Geography at Birmingham; **Lucy Corbett** BSc in Marine Biology and Oceanography at Bangor.

Other News of Old Scholars

Craig Millard (1985-92), was successful at the final level of the Chartered Accountants examinations in 1996, passing both parts at the first attempt, a distinction achieved by only 30% of the entrants. When he completes his practical training in August 1997, he will be entitled to the letters ACA after his name. He is now hoping to move to a post with one of the "Big Six" accountancy firms in Birmingham, with a view to broadening his professional experience, and gain the opportunity for travel as a result. **Ruth Layton** (1991-93) has successfully completed her PGCE course at Worcester College of HE.

Here ends *The Record* No. 163

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